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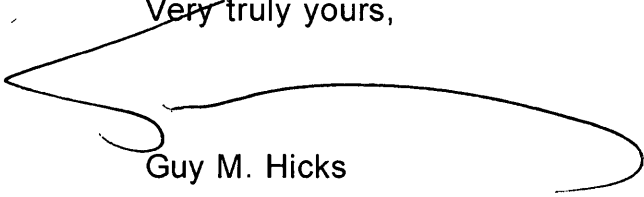
Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Joint Application of NOW Acquisition Corporation for Authority to Acquire  
Certain Assets of NOW Communications, Inc.*  
Docket No. 03-00454

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth's *Voluntary Dismissal of its Petition for Leave to Intervene*. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,

  
Guy M. Hicks

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Joint Application of NOW Acquisition Corporation for Authority to Acquire  
Certain Assets of NOW Communications, Inc.*

Docket No. 03-00454

**BELLSOUTH'S VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL OF ITS  
PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") voluntarily dismisses the *Petition for Leave to Intervene* it filed on September 12, 2003. A settlement agreement between BellSouth and NOW Communications, Inc. has been approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court. The settlement is now final, and, consistent with that settlement, BellSouth is voluntarily dismissing its *Petition to Intervene*.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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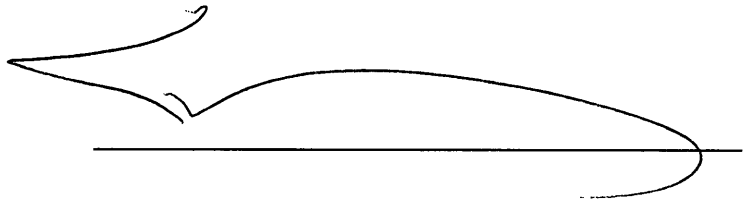
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